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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claim 4, and addition of new claims 16 and 17. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

4. (Once Amended) A personal digital assistant (PDA) system comprising:
- a mobile personal digital assistant having a touch screen display for producing input signals in response to physical contact; and
  - an input stylus comprising:
  - a housing having a first end for providing physical contact with the touch screen, and an opposite second end;
  - a microphone located at the second end for receiving acoustical voice signals;
  - a transmitter located in the housing for transmitting electronic voice signals received by the microphone to the mobile personal digital assistant; and
  - a switch circuit for activating and deactivating both the microphone and the transmitter.
16. (New) A method for a personal computer (PC) to provide voice recognition processing to a personal digital assistant (PDA), comprising:
- wirelessly transmitting, by a stylus to the PC via a touch screen on the PDA, received